

11/6/79

JOSEPH M. HENDRIE, CHAIRMAN
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20555

WEST ST
NORTHWOOD
NH 03261

POOR ORIGINAL

DEAR COMMISSIONER HENDRIE,

AS AN ENGINEER WHO HAS STUDIED NUCLEAR SAFETY PROBLEMS FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS, I WISH TO SAY THAT I AGREE WITH THE RELENT DECISION TO EXTEND THE HOLD ON GRANTING NEW CONSTRUCTION PERMITS AND NEW OPERATING LICENCES. AT A CONFERENCE IN OAK RIDGE A WEEK AGO, THE ACCIDENT AT TMI WAS REVIEWED BY DR. RASMUSSEN, WHO ADMITTED THAT, BY HIS OWN WASH-1400 REPORT, THE LIKELIHOOD OF HAVING ANOTHER TMI-TYPE ACCIDENT WAS ABOUT 1-IN-3 EACH YEAR! A 33% CHANCE FOR A BILLION DOLLAR ACCIDENT, EVEN IF THERE ARE NO OUTRIGHT ACUTE FATALITIES, IS TOO GREAT A RISK.

YOU ARE ALSO CORRECT IN REVIEWING ALL PRESENTLY OPERATING PLANTS, SPECIALLY NEAR OUR CITIES, AND I HOPE THAT YOU CAREFULLY LOOK AT PILGRIM I, SO NEAR TO BOSTON. IF I CAN HELP, PLEASE CONTACT ME. (I HAVE A LETTER APPLICATION ON FILE WITH THE NRC THROUGH COMMISSIONER BRADFORD.)

SINCERELY YOURS,

J. Santviller, MSEE, CCE

8002080

445